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Cigarettes go up 29%

CIGARETTE PRICES are higher as of today by up to 29 percent — except for those already in the shops and kiosks. The Public Prices Review Board yesterday approved an increase in the price of Dubek cigarettes (the only locally-produced ones, except for those made by the Jerusalem Cigarette Company). The Board recognized the need to raise prices due to higher production costs, but required the company to absorb part of the price hikes.

The cheaper brands, El Al and Knesset, will cost 24 per cent more, while Degel, Silon, Dubek-10 and Dubek Filter will go up by 26 per cent. The more expensive brands will rise in price by the full 29 per cent permitted by the Board.

The price changes apply only to freshly produced cigarettes. Those already on the shelves must be sold at the old prices. Consumers are advised to pay no more than the price stamped on the box.

Man held for security leaks

BERSHEBA. — A man held on charge of passing security secrets to the enemy was released yesterday for 15 days. The police representative from the Negev district Special Affairs department told the magistrate they have information that Vassily Rosenberg crossed the border early last month near Kibbutz Yotvata, in southern Arava, and passed on security secrets to the enemy. He was later returned by the Jordanians and arrested.

The accused, who stated that he is a parent in Poland, requested to be released in order to support himself.

11 injured following false alarm

EL AVIV. — An April Fool's Day prank yesterday indirectly led to a link between a fire engine and bus, injuring 11 passengers. An anonymous caller informed the brigade of a non-existent fire engine, speeding to the intersection of Herzl and its roads here.

Abraham Aharoni, deputy commander of the Tel Aviv fire brigade, said yesterday that the numerous false alarms constituted a nuisance that bordered on the criminal.

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Spanish Communist leader indicted

BARCELONA. — Spain's National Court Public Order, the country's only judicial tribunal, yesterday indicted communist labour organizer Mariano Camacho and three others of the unusual charge of opposing the form of government under Francisco Franco.

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FOREIGN MINISTER Yigal Allon turns to Costa Rican President Daniel Oduber Quirios yesterday during their horse-trek from the Mount of Beatitudes to Kfar Nahum on Lake Kinneret. Story — page 3.

Radical elements rise in West Bank local lists

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent
A LIVELY election campaign launched throughout the West Bank last night appears to point to a rise in radical nationalist elements and a generally younger generation of candidates. The vote, for 24 municipalities and local councils, takes place on April 12.

Campaigning began shortly after the closure of nominations at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The registration deadline was extended twice from 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Officially this has been attributed to the "pressure of numbers" but the deadline is believed to have been extended to enable more moderates to forward their candidacy, with the aim of counterbalancing the radical tide which had swept the registration lists by the first deadline.

A total of 577 nominees have forwarded their candidacy, including 12 in Bir Zeit which was the only West Bank town boycotting the registration, before the Wednesday deadline. In the first municipal vote under Israel's rule in 1972, there were 328 candidates.

A total of 206 municipal council seats are being contested. Mayors are elected by the council, which themselves are chosen on an individual, not party, basis. The most significant outcome of the registration may be summed up as follows:

• The withdrawal of mayors of Hebron and Haj Ma'souz al-

Masri of Nabha, and a number of others, including those of al-Bira, Yatta and Arraba. The decision by these mayors and other councilors to stand down indicates that the traditional, moderate leadership is retreating from the local arena after an eight-year period of co-operation with the authorities.

• The rise of nationalist radical elements, especially in major towns, where the new elections were seen to be reflecting inter-Arab politics rather than domestic affairs, and normally which distinguished the 1972 vote.

• The registration, for the first time ever, of four women, following the amendment of the Jordanian election law in effect in Judea and Samaria.

• The emergence of a young generation among the candidates. Out of the total of 577 candidates, 341 are aged 31-50, and 56 are even younger. Only 170 are 51 years and older.

• The replacement of businessmen and landowners by academicians and high school graduates in the largest cities and townships. The figures show, for example, 122 academicians, 158 college and 76 secondary school graduates, and an additional 211 with an elementary school education.

• In terms of professions, candidates include 25 lawyers, 16 doctors, 13 pharmacists, 15 engineers, 36 teachers, 47 government officials, and 241 merchants and 133 farmers, with the latter two groups spread over the smaller towns.

Rostow says Soviet, Egypt may still be linked

WASHINGTON. — Former under-Secretary of State Eugene Rostow yesterday urged Congress not to approve the proposed sale of military transport planes to Egypt before making sure that President Anwar Sadat had completely severed his ties with the Soviet Union.

"It would not be prudent for us to start on a military aid programme for Egypt before we were completely satisfied that reality corresponds to appearances," he said.

Mr. Rostow was testifying to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee whose leading members expressed deep concern that the sale would launch an American military supply relationship with Egypt and increase the danger of war with Israel.

Mr. Rostow, who served under President Johnson and now is a law professor at Yale University, accused the Ford administration of "systematically concealing the extent of Soviet involvement in the Middle East and other parts of the world." He said Soviet policy in the Middle East was a powerful and cynical tool that had been used well and could not be blunted by the sale of the C-130s.

Sadat rests in Berchtesgaden after atom tour

MANNEHEIM, West Germany. — Strict security precautions surrounded Egypt's President Anwar Sadat yesterday during a tour of three West German states that included a visit to one of the world's biggest nuclear power stations.

Sadat, who ended three days of talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government in Bonn on Wednesday, helicoptered to the atom plant at Biblis on the Rhine.

The Egyptians, who have already requested U.S. aid in developing a peaceful nuclear industry, are reportedly interested in buying West German nuclear reactors to power coastal desalination plants and other industries.

Sadat is ending his state visit today by relaxing at Berchtesgaden, the Bavarian village where Hitler had his mountain hideaway. (AP)

Smith to bring blacks into gov't

SALISBURY, Rhodesia. — Prime Minister Ian Smith told 700 White businessmen at a closed-door meeting here yesterday that he intended bringing Africans into the government and was considering developing a "meritocracy" in Rhodesia, sources here said.

At the meeting, he asked his audience not to divulge details of what he said. But sources quoted him as saying that he intended removing certain "unnecessary" aspects of racial discrimination in white-ruled Rhodesia and bringing blacks into the government.

It was in this connection that he mentioned a "meritocracy" — a system under which voting rights are granted to individuals on merit.

Lebanese truce due at noon, Moslems insist Franjieh go

'Issue is unified state'

BEIRUT. — Lebanon's warring factions declared last night that they were ready to halt their bloody fighting, and Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt called for a 10-day truce starting at noon today.

The leftists said that, during the truce period, President Suleiman Franjieh should resign, parliament should elect his successor and discussions must begin on the reform programme demanded by the left.

The Christian Falangists, who have been subjected to relentless military pressure by the leftist Moslems, said they were ready to respond to appeals by Lebanon's religious leaders for a cease-fire.

The fighting, which has cost hundreds of lives in the past two weeks, ceased yesterday after the left's anti-Israel terrorist allies were ordered to shoot only in self-defence. Jumblatt and PLO terrorist leader Yasser Arafat have been under heavy pressure from Syria to end the fighting.

Jumblatt told reporters the truce should apply to the whole of Lebanon and put an end to kidnappings and snipings as well as full-scale military activity. All combatants are asked to remain in their present positions, he said.

The tempo of fighting slackened yesterday after PLO terror squads were reported to have been ordered to shoot only in self-defence.

The truce announcement comes exactly 10 weeks after the last,

short-lived Lebanese cease-fire which was engineered with Syrian mediation. Jumblatt has been subjected to considerable pressure recently, especially by Syria, to call a halt to the raging warfare in Beirut and the countryside. He has accused Damascus of cutting off his arms supplies.

"We have now attained an offensive political position," Jumblatt said yesterday. "We are masters of our own destiny and no one can influence us."

There was no immediate reaction to the truce accord from President Franjieh.

Jumblatt said the resignation of Franjieh — goal of the leftist fighters since the last truce collapsed — was no longer the main issue.

"What we want to achieve now is a move from a confessional state to a unified one," he said.

Jumblatt has demanded an end to the system whereby government posts are shared out on a proportional basis among the country's 17 religious confessions. This provides for the presidency to be reserved for a Maronite Christian, the premiership for a Sunni Moslem and the speakership of Parliament for a Shiite Moslem.

Jumblatt is a Druse and, under this system, barred from top office. (Reuters)



U.S. ENVOY Dean Brown speaks to newsmen following his arrival in Beirut. (UPI)

U.S. emissary doesn't bar talk with PLO

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday refused to rule out the possibility that its special envoy in Lebanon, Dean Brown, might have contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

State Department spokesman Robert Fumeth, answering reporters' questions on this sensitive subject, repeatedly declined to rule out the possibility, although he maintained that Brown's instructions did not include any authority to meet with PLO officials.

Reports that Brown, a retired diplomat dispatched this week by President Ford to Lebanon to assess the situation, would meet with the PLO were sparked by Brown's own statement he made shortly after arriving in Beirut. Asked whether he would meet with Palestinians, he said: "I'm not excluding anybody, but I'm not including everybody." He described his role primarily as "assessor and analyst."

The State Department has informed Israel that Brown would be charged primarily with reporting back to Washington on developments in Lebanon. American officials maintain that the U.S. Embassy in Beirut is having a difficult time obtaining reliable information on events, and it was hoped that Brown, a former Ambassador in Jordan and well-known Arabist, could get a better handle on what was transpiring.

American officials, including President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger, have long maintained that the U.S. will not recognize or negotiate with the PLO until the terrorist organization accepts Israel's existence and Security Council resolutions 242 and 338. But low- and mid-level U.S. officials stationed in the Arab world have regularly met with representatives from the PLO on an informal basis.

If Brown officially meets with the PLO, it would be the first time that such a senior American official would publicly and openly do such a thing.

Waldheim tries

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim held a series of meetings here yesterday with representatives from Israel, the Arab states, the U.S. and the Soviet Union in an effort to get negotiations started for a Middle East settlement.

U.S. inquiry finds: Israel, Egypt oppose Syrian intervention

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. is studying a Syrian proposal to dispatch one division of Syrian armoured units into Lebanon for four weeks to restore some semblance of order there. The Americans have had initial contacts with Israel and Egypt on this sensitive issue, but so far they have both ruled it out.

Publicly, the Americans are still holding on to their line that they would oppose any outside interference in Lebanon. The State Department again said yesterday that the U.S. opposes outside interference.

Jordanian King Hussein, who left Washington yesterday for Chicago following two days of talks with President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger, has been urging the Americans to accept the Syrian proposal. The situation has aroused the State Department, where hectic meetings have been taking place every day.

Hussein told reporters yesterday that the situation in Lebanon is very serious, and it appears that only direct intervention by Syria might result in a cease-fire.

Political observers here noted that Hussein, who is still an opponent of the PLO, apparently believes that Syrian intervention might lead to a severe weakening of the PLO's position in Lebanon.

Hussein also said yesterday that Israel would have to withdraw from all of the West Bank and East Jerusalem for Jordan to once again become interested in considering negotiations. He reiterated that Jordan accepts the decision of the Rabat Arab summit conference, which proclaimed the PLO the sole representative of "the Palestinian people, and that decision would have to be changed by the Arab League to allow him to negotiate with Israel.

Blackout in the White House

WASHINGTON. — A power failure darkened the White House for about an hour Wednesday night and prevented President Ford's staff from making a videotape of a nationally televised speech by Ronald Reagan.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said yesterday that electricity supplied by the Potomac Electric Power Co. went off at 10:17 p.m. An emergency power source immediately began supplying current to the national security command post and essential communications links.

Power was not restored throughout the building until some time after 11 p.m. (AP)

K to address Jewish groups

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has agreed to address a Washington convention of the American Jewish Congress on Sunday, reportedly the first time that he has accepted an invitation to appear before a national Jewish organization.

It was announced yesterday that Kissinger has also agreed to speak before a Jewish congregation in Baltimore, Maryland, later this month.

Previously, Kissinger has reportedly refused to address Jewish groups, apparently out of concern that it might affect his relations with the Arab world.

Max Fisher insists:

Ford is good for Israel

By DAVID LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

"IF A MAN WANTS to give you \$4b. instead of \$4.5b. — is he an enemy or an ally?" That, says Max Fisher philosophically, "is the question you have to ask yourself."

The man in question, of course, is President Gerald Ford, Fisher's long-time friend, whom he dearly

wants to see remain in the White House next January.

Fisher is a lifelong Republican, co-chairman of Ford's finance committee and a member of the President's advisory board. But his support for Ford and belief in him stems, he says, not only from Republican sentiments but from the deepest sense of Jewish conviction and responsibility. He firmly feels that Ford and Kissinger are the best friends that Israel has in presidential politics — and that the other contenders, while they might perhaps sound friendlier, would act with less resoluteness in support of Israel. "And it's actions that count," says Fisher, "not words."

The Scranton speech at the Security Council last week was a case in point. "Of course I would rather it hadn't been made. But in fact it's all been said before... and what actually happened in practice the U.S. cast its veto against a resolution that was considered very mild."

Fisher criticizes Israel, and American Jewry too, for "overreacting," — to the Scranton speech, to the transitional aid issue, to the sale of six planes to Egypt, and in general to the "strains" which the Israel press reports — Fisher says without foundation — almost very often week.

"Is four billion dollars in aid over two years a sign of strain? People here seem to forget about the half-a-billion."

He would be as pleased as the next man if the President removed his opposition to the transitional half-billion. "But you have to understand his problems, sitting there in the Oval Office. He has vetoed 29 bills for Federal spending at home. He's stopped aid to the cities. People ask him — why send funds overseas when there are these problems at home."

Fisher confirms that he recently spoke to Ford about U.S. arms

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Why Sanbar is resigning

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sanbar, yesterday informed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that he will not serve a second term after his present one ends, on October 31 this year.

Observers in Jerusalem yesterday expected that Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz would ask Sanbar to continue for another term. But Sanbar does not enjoy political backing in the Labour Party and thus pressure on him to continue may be minimal if Rabinowitz needs to appease factions in the party by appointing someone else. One such faction could be the Histadrut and Bank Hapoalim. The tension between Sanbar and the bank's president, Ya'acov Levinson, is well known.

With the resignations of Prof. Michael Bruno and Yitzhak Mann and the expected departures of Accountant-General Haim Stoessel and Internal Revenue Commissioner Moshe Neudorfer, the Government may want Sanbar to stay on to preserve a measure of continuity in economic policy.

"I am 50 years old and young enough to begin a new career. If I continue for another term I will be 55 and too old to begin doing the things I want to do," Moshe Sanbar explained to The Jerusalem Post recently, in an exclusive interview. Sanbar stressed that he would not continue for another term as Governor of the Bank of Israel. "I assure you that I will stand firm against any pressure to continue," he said.

The major reason for this decision is Sanbar's desire to return to his old occupation as economic researcher. He intends to spend the next year or two studying the political economy of western democracies.

The main problem in these countries, including Israel, is the need of politicians and trade unionists to show short-term accomplishments which harm long-term goals. This, says Sanbar, results from the impact of mass media on decision-makers. With the growing influence of the media, politicians seek ways to appease the electorate regardless of the long-range and harmful impact such decisions have on the economy and the political structure. The outcome of this trend has



Sanbar

been the weakening of both the economies and the political structures of western democracies, he said. Such a situation could lead to a yearning for a strongman, who would be expected to cure all the nation's ills.

The ailments of western democracies are evident also in Israel. Sanbar says that politicians and trade unionists seldom say in public what they really think. The left has always insisted on higher wages and higher taxes on capital. However, it knows that Israel has a great need for foreign and domestic investments, and these will not be found if we tax capital the way the left wants. "The left," says Sanbar, "knows this as well as I; but nevertheless it sticks to the old dogma. The right is not any better. Listen to the voices of the right in the Histadrut. They are more extreme than the left and in no way resemble what their party colleagues in the Knesset say. If they come to power, what policy will they enact? The one spelled out in the Knesset, or the one of the Histadrut faction?"

"Take, for instance, the Treasury's document presented to the Histadrut some time ago. The document shows that real income and real wages will not decline in 1976. If this forecast materializes, economic policy will have failed, because the country cannot afford this. But if the Govern-

ment intends to implement the right policy, then the document is wrong. Either way, the truth is hidden somewhere. This, too, is an important problem: how to present a true picture, which is neither too black nor too optimistic.

"One example from the fairly recent past," says Sanbar, "is the package deal signed in early 1970. This was an agreement reached between three parties: the Government, the Histadrut and the employers, represented (respectively) by Pinhas Sapir, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Mark Mosesov. The three leaders undertook to explain to their 'constituents,' i.e., to the nation at large, the workers and the employers, that in view of the serious difficulties facing the economy, and particularly the low level of foreign currency reserves, it was imperative to decrease profits and the net disposable income from wages and salaries. The three parties reached a fair compromise, which was also compatible with the overall national interest. Ben-Aharon and Mosesov did not hesitate to inform the workers and employers that they would have to make do with reduced incomes and tighten their belts until the situation improved."

Sanbar says that only two key officials — the Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Bank of Israel — have overall responsibility for planning and implementing economic policy. The major difference between the public obligations of the Minister of Finance and those of the Governor of the central bank lies in the fact that the appointment of the former is a political one; he is elected, and he is responsible to the Knesset for his ministry's activities. The Governor of the central bank must be a non-political figure, whose main concern is to preserve the neutrality, objectivity and credibility of the institution which he heads.

"In reality, however, this is easier said than done; and clashes between the central bank and the Government are inevitable. In the political climate prevailing in our country, it often happens that instead of discussing an issue on its own merits, the debate descends to a personal attack. I can only say that I am proud at having succeeded, often under very difficult conditions, in asserting the independence and credibility of the central bank, as dictated by my conscience and to the best of my ability."



Harman

Harman is re-elected at Hebrew U.

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hebrew University President Avraham Harman was unanimously re-elected for a third four-year term during yesterday's closing session of the university's annual Board of Governors meeting.

The board also decided to award honorary doctorates this year to: Col. Y.M. Arvey, Chicago; former U.S. ambassador to UN Daniel F. Moynihan, Harvard University; Samuel M. Melton, Columbus, Ohio; Prof. Karl Joachim Friedrich, Harvard University; Axel Springer, Germany; Jean-Paul Sartre, France; Prof. Andrei D. Sakharov, USSR; Prof. Nathan Feinberg and Zvi Shwarz, Jerusalem.

The Solomon Public Prize will go to Rose Halprin of New York and to Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester, N.Y. Justice Harry Bradshaw, Montreal, yesterday received an honorary fellowship.

The board elected two Israelis as new deputy-chairmen. They are Ya'acov Elin of Jerusalem and Benno Gitter of Tel Aviv. New Israeli members of the executive committee are Judge Asher Ego Landau and A.P. Michaels, both of Jerusalem.

The university inaugurated a chair in Jewish philosophy in memory of John and Golda Cohen of England. Cohen, who died two years ago, was a leader of the British Friends organization. The Dalk and Rose Feith Family Building in the university's Institute of Life Sciences was also dedicated.

Most building construction will come to a halt, except on Mount Scopus, the board decided.

Histadrut to protect fired Arab workers

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — An overwhelming majority of the Histadrut Council voted yesterday to oppose the arbitrary dismissal of Arabs who did not report to work during Tuesday's strike.

The motion said Arab workers would be protected "in accordance with Trade Union Department regulations." But the statement was couched in general terms to give the Histadrut freedom of action in case of future strikes and attacks on security forces, a well-informed source told The Jerusalem Post.

The Histadrut Council, meeting in Kfar Hama'achab, also supported Knesset and Government moves to "develop Galilee quickly for the benefit of... Jews, Arabs and Druse." (Tuesday's strike was in protest against expropriation of the land the Government said it needs for development.) The resolution

also condemned Rukah for locking the Arabs.

In his speech opening the general debate, Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoshua Meshel warned that unemployment may lead to an economic recession.

He cautioned against the careless dismissal of redundant workers saying not all could find jobs to export-oriented industries.

The Council amended the Histadrut constitution to legalize the accepted practice of using a portion of membership dues to fund political parties. Citizen's Rights Movement MK Boaz Me'ava has challenged the existing procedure in court, contending that the political parties are benefiting from a source of revenue meant for Kupat Holim.

The Council decided to change the name of Moshel Hapoalim (Working Women's Council) to 'Amanat, an acronym for the Hebrew 'Working and Volunteer Women'.

El Al flight crews offer 'clean slate'

By ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — First counter-proposals by El Al flight crews to the income tax reform and new wage proposals were voiced here yesterday. They include a "clean-slate" proposal to renegotiate all the existing privileges, such as the crews' foreign currency allowance, in return for a "fair salary," subject to the normal rules of income tax, plus recognition of legitimate expenses incurred by flight personnel during their enforced stays outside the country.

These suggestions will be aired in the forthcoming issue of "Cockpit," official organ of the flight crews, to be published later this month. The fact that they are being published in the magazine suggests that the author, though not representing the crews in any official capacity, is expressing views considered acceptable in part as a basis for negotiations.

Author Baruch Shub notes that the existing labour agreements do not provide for guaranteed employment until the age of 65, nor can flight personnel accumulate more than 12 months of sick leave, or be promoted to administrative rank within the company management or transfer to non-flying jobs at their old salaries. These, Shub stresses,

are only part of the "non-benefits" to which flight crews are exposed.

On the most point of foreign currency, the article's author states that in his personal view time spent abroad was "no holiday." He writes, "I spent half of this month (March) overseas, not counting return flights made the same day. Believe it or not, I haven't seen my children serving in the army all of this month. I want to make enough money — in Israeli currency — to live here comfortably. I think operations could be planned so that crews could be returned home, perhaps to reintroduce the posting of crews overseas, that they would not have to be separated from their families."

Fifth Park Hotel fire victim dies

NETANYA. — The death toll in the Park Hotel fire rose to five yesterday with the death of Judith Eshkol, a 60-year-old Norwegian tourist. She suffered burns and smoke inhalation in the blaze which swept through the hotel on March 20.

Two more men were remanded into custody yesterday on suspicion of complicity in the fire, considered arson. Danny Azrael was ordered held for 15 days and David Amram for five days.

The Israel Hotel Association has appointed an investigation committee to study safety precautions against fires in hostilities throughout the country.

The secretary of the association, Moshe Amir, said the committee would pay special attention to new types of building and decorative materials with a view to investigating their combustibility.

1,500 GADNA YOUTH yesterday participated in the traditional ascent to Ma'adana. The climb climaxed extensive study tours of various parts of the country by the youth groups.

Ford good April folly seizes media: Israeli astronauts land

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By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yesterday proved to be a great day of discovery, excitement and momentous decision, with the announcement of a new engine fueled by hot air, the landing of three Israeli astronauts in the North and a plan to dry up the Dead Sea for agricultural land use.

At least, that's the way it appeared on the radio and in a morning newspaper in celebration of April Fools' Day (the holiday of unknown origin whose timing, according to the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," seems related to the vernal equinox, when nature fools mankind with sudden changes in the weather).

Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Kiryat Arba submitted his candidacy for mayor of Hebron yesterday, just before the election lists closed, the spokesman of the Military Government said last night.

He added that the matter raised a complicated legal problem, since Rabbi Levinger is a resident of the administered areas, where the local authorities elections are to be held, while at the same time being an Israeli citizen.

Contacted by telephone last night, Mrs. Levinger dismissed the story as an April 1st joke.

Listeners to yesterday morning's English-language news were overjoyed and surprised to hear that a new engine — designed to solve

the energy crisis — has been developed to run on the hot air emitted from the mouths of Knesset members.

Carrying on with the April Fools' joke, the afternoon's Hebrew news magazine presented "live coverage" of the landing of an Israeli spaceship — manned by an immigrant from Russia with experience in Soyuz missions, an American immigrant who flew an Apollo flight to the moon and a "100 per cent Israeli" — somewhere in the North.

Reporters were (supposedly) dispatched around the landing site to describe the great event. A few listeners, in the tradition of Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast in the 1930s, called in to report that they had "seen something."

"Al Hamishmar," the Mapam newspaper, printed an official Agriculture Ministry communiqué that disclosed a decision to dry up the Dead Sea and build greenhouses for Dutch flowers in the mud. The American company which will drain the sea within two years has already had success growing sweet potatoes (said the communiqué) in moon soil.

The Agriculture Ministry last night issued a communiqué declaring their original communiqué to be an April Fools' joke — just in case.

Interior: Farmland to stay frozen

The Interior Ministry will not permit agricultural land in central Israel to be reclassified for building purposes, ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky said yesterday.

Kubersky, who was speaking to a delegation from the Public Committee to Preserve Agricultural Land, claimed there was enough private land in the area for thousands of new dwelling units. He added that speculation in agricultural land should be stopped.

Zim ship held in port until bosun gets paid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Is a seaman held up on shore through no fault of his own entitled to sea pay (which includes a foreign exchange element for expenses) for the period of his involuntary home leave? The issue is now being contested by the Seamen's (Rating) Union (which includes the engine room, catering and deckhands sections) and Zim.

About two months ago Aharon Zuckerman, a bosun aboard the Teverya, was charged with disciplinary offences for which the Superintendent of Seamen fined him IL200 and rebuked him.

The Marine Officers Union filed an appeal, which the Ratings Union argues had no basis in law. But while the point was pending Zuckerman was detained when his ship sailed to the Far East some six weeks ago. Since then it was found that no appeal could be lodged and bosun Zuckerman was flown east to rejoin his ship.

While ashore he received only about 40 per cent of what he normally earns aboard ship. Yesterday, the Ratings Union instructed the crew of the Teverya not to leave its last port of call in Japan until Zim, which was not party to the dispute at all, makes up Zuckerman's pay to what he would have received had he been on the ship. (Valon elections — page 11.)

Security forces nip Samaria disturbances
NABLUS. — Thirty youths and adults were arrested yesterday afternoon during the tire-burning and stoning of soldiers that took place in the Samaritan cities of Nablus, Tulikarm and Jenin. In summary proceedings five of the youths were fined IL8,000 each, and three adults were sentenced to nine-month terms in jail.

Itm reports that security forces are now acting very quickly when disturbances break out, and that the military courts have stiffened the punishments handed out. (Itm)

Education Ministry angry at universities' stand on bagrut

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Director-General of the Education Ministry, Elad Peled, yesterday wrote angry letters to all universities, which stated in advertisements Friday that they would not accept some of the students holding bagrut (matriculation) certificates based on the reforms introduced last year.

The reforms, introduced in 11 high schools, allowed pupils to be placed on three levels of difficulty in each subject. They also offered a wider choice of subjects, and were intended to enable more pupils to sit for the matriculations exams. They were introduced after consultations between the Ministry, the Council for Higher Education and the universities. They are to be introduced in another 40 high schools this year.

Peled, in his letter, expressed surprise and dismay at the publication of the ads. The matter is to be thrashed out at a meeting between representatives of the ministry and the universities next week.

It is learned that several university rectors were surprised when they saw the ads, which had been placed in papers without their knowledge. The ads were placed by Tel Aviv, Haifa, Bar-Ilan and the Hebrew Universities. They limited applicants to those who passed at least 30 matriculation exam "units," including four of five exams (in two subjects) at the top level. Of the approximately 28,000 pupils who took bagrut last year, some 9,000 still have not received their results due to difficulties in the

ministry's computer department. The ministry spokesman said last night that the outstanding bagrut results will be mailed this month. Any pupil needing his results immediately can receive them upon application to the ministry's examinations branch, he said.

Frenchman calls for direct talks

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Middle East conflict should be settled through direct talks between Israel and the Arab states, according to former French cabinet minister Andre Montell.

Montell, heading a delegation of the France-Israel Friendship Society which is touring Israel for a week as guests of the Foreign Ministry, said at a City Hall reception in Haifa last night that there was no contradiction between the rights of the Palestinians and those of Israel, but neither was there any need for another Arab state along Israel's borders. "It would only be a prelude to another war," he said.

Montell promised that the France-Israel Friendship Society would uphold Israel's interests and rally to their defence "the purest forces of France."

Among the 33 men and women who composed the delegation are senators and members of the Chamber of Deputies.

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S. Africa condemned for action in Angola

UN Council ignores Cuban presence

UNITED NATIONS. — The Security Council has passed a resolution condemning aggression by South Africa against Angola and demanding that it pay reparations. The U.S., China and West European delegates had pressed to include in the resolution a condemnation of Soviet and Cuban intervention in the Angolan civil war. But the Africans fought successfully to limit the text to South Africa's role in the country, and the resolution was "totally silent" on the continuing presence of Cuban troops in Angola.

28 S. Africans were killed and 100 hurt

DURBAN. — Twenty-eight South African soldiers were killed and some 100 others wounded as a result of South Africa's military intervention in Angola, Air Force chief Lieut.-Gen. R.H.D. Rogers said here yesterday.

He told the South African Legion National Congress: "Our boys in Angola acquitted themselves outstandingly and proved more than a match for anyone they met, including the Cubans." Rogers said South Africa agreed to intervene on a "limited scale" at the request of "certain interested parties" including several named African states. He maintained that South Africa's military plan had been accomplished in a "brilliant manner."

"We demonstrated the mettle and integrity of the South African military forces and, by causing Russia to overplay her hand, we have shown the world, surely beyond doubt, that Russia has imperialistic aims in Africa."

'Soviets flying high over Western Europe'

BRUSSELS. — Soviet pilots in the world's fastest warplanes have begun regular flights over parts of Western Europe at altitudes unreachably by NATO interceptor crews, diplomatic sources at North Atlantic Organization headquarters said yesterday.

The sources reported that Mig 25 Foxbat planes streak at more than three times the speed of sound over West Germany, Denmark and Norway. NATO pilots, in much slower Phantoms and Starfighters, watch helplessly from thousands of feet below as the Foxbats flash at 90,000 feet or even higher, the sources said.

NATO military authorities would neither confirm nor deny the reports, but senior officers at alliance air bases privately agreed with them. They said the Russians had started overflying NATO countries with reconnaissance versions of the Foxbat in January. But flights had increased recently when NATO pilots failed to intercept the Foxbats.

In the event of war, the sources said, the NATO fighters would be unable to shoot down the Foxbats because air-to-air missiles are hopelessly inefficient at 80,000-90,000 feet. But NATO's main high-altitude surface-to-air missile — the Nike Hercules, which is capable of carrying a nuclear weapon — could easily hit an aircraft flying at the Foxbat's altitude.

In any event, the armed fighter version of the Mig 25 would have to fly lower and slower than the reconnaissance version and thus would be stoppable by alliance interceptors, some of which can reach 80,000 feet and two-and-a-half times the speed of sound.

The sources said that 50 Mig-25s (reconnaissance) aircraft were recently deployed to Soviet units in Poland and East Germany. The Soviet air force has about 250 of the twin-engine, single seat aircraft. (Reuters)

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Israel's entrants in the Eurovision song contest, the Chocolate-Mentha-Mastik trio, have their credentials checked by police at the Congress Building in the Hague yesterday as they arrived for rehearsals. The singers are accompanied by composer Matti Caspi, who will conduct his song, "Say Shalom" in the contest on Saturday. (AP radiophoto)

U.S. protests Another high police official gunned down in Argentina

MOSCOW. — The U.S. Embassy in Moscow yesterday protested to the Soviet Union over menacing telephone calls and telegrams received by American diplomats and a bomb threat against the mission on Tuesday.

An Embassy spokesman said the protest, the second in six days, made clear that the U.S. believed the threats were part of an officially-inspired campaign against the Embassy. This was believed to be in retaliation for Jewish harassment of Soviet officials in New York, the spokesman said.

Similar charges were contained in another U.S. protest to the Soviet Foreign Ministry last Friday, which was made after more than 70 telephone calls to Embassy staff and an earlier warning, which proved to be a hoax, of a bomb in the building.

The anonymous telephone calls, many made during the night, resumed at the weekend. There had been 25 by Wednesday morning when they stopped again, the spokesman said.

The mission had also received about two dozen telegrams in similar vein. These protested over incidents in New York staged by Jewish groups over Kremlin policy on the emigration of Soviet Jews, the spokesman added.

Tuesday's bomb threat to the Embassy, which led to the evacuation of the entire central section of the building, also proved to be a hoax. The warning was passed on to the U.S. Consul-General by the Soviet Foreign Ministry, which said an anonymous caller had told the Ministry of the Interior there was a bomb in the U.S. mission. (Reuters)

OIL. — The U.S. Senate anti-trust subcommittee yesterday approved a bill to break up control of the oil industry, requiring companies to limit themselves to either production, transportation, refining or marketing.

On Monday, the day army commander Jorge Videla was sworn in as Argentina's president, Chief Inspector Guillermo Pavon was shot to death as he left for work. Pavon was chief of operations in the Federal Police.

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Real, Bayern 1-1 in European Cup series

LONDON. — Results of the first leg semifinal matches on Wednesday in the three European soccer cups. Champions Cup. Real Madrid (Spain) 1, Bayern Munich (West Germany) 1; St. Etienne (France) 1, PSV Eindhoven (Holland) 10.

Cup Winners Cup. Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany) 2, West Ham United (England) 1; Sachsenring Zwickau (East Germany) 0, Anderlecht (Belgium) 3.

Europa Cup. Barcelona (Spain) 0, Liverpool (England) 1; Hamburg (West Germany) 1, FC Bruges (Belgium) 1.

NABATIYA, Lebanon. — While bitter fighting rages in Beirut, the country's southern region has become a refuge for Moslem Lebanese fleeing the chaos. Businessmen have arrived in droves in the Mediterranean port of Sidon, 36 kms. south of the battered capital to try to continue operations away from the fighting in Beirut and its environs.

Local people said hundreds of workmen, facing unemployment in Beirut, had moved south to find jobs in bustling southern centres, where life goes on in the normal hectic Lebanese way despite the war. Ironically, the war has in part reversed a trend for southern Lebanese to migrate north to escape poverty and frontier troubles in the south.

Around this thriving market town, life seems to be unaffected by the civil turmoil that has engulfed much of Lebanon for 11 months. Goatherds tend their flocks, as they have done for centuries, on the terraced hills, wildflowers blossom in the spring sunlight, and peasants crouch over their tobacco crops in deep, verdant valleys.

In Nabatiya, young street vendors have built pyramids of American cigarettes, smuggled in from Syria, and peddle them to passers-by at 13 Lebanese pounds (about £2.50) for a carton of ten packs.

Ragged youngsters at the roadside offer fresh herbs and newly caught freshwater fish to travellers — a change from the roadblocks and wild-eyed gunmen that halt the traffic in Beirut.

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But many south Lebanese see the politics of their position as a humorous indifference. "Five Israeli soldiers stopped me on the road in Lebanon," one said with a grin.

"One asked me in Arabic whether there were Syrians in the area. So I look stupid and I say I don't know. He asked me about Palestinians. I say I don't know. He asked me about soldiers around here. I tell him I don't know, so they go away," he said, recounting the story jokingly and without malice. (Reuters)

Some 12 kms. southeast of here is the Israeli border. As the Lebanese civil war intensified this week, Israel stepped up its border patrols and troops of the "Lebanese Arab Army" — a force of largely Moslem deserters — were ordered to take precautions along the border, sources said.

Meanwhile, Israeli civilians and soldiers hailed travellers on the Lebanese side of the border and questioned them on military activities.

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Court rules Quinlan can let Karen die

TRENTON, New Jersey. — Karen Anne Quinlan's father on Wednesday won the right to allow his daughter to die, climaxing a legal battle he began almost a year ago. The New Jersey Supreme Court, in a 7-0 ruling, appointed Joseph Quinlan legal guardian of his 22-year-old comatose daughter and ruled he can let her die if he can find competent medical authorities who agree with him that there is no reasonable possibility of her recovery.

Doctors presently treating Miss Quinlan had fought against her parents' "right to die" suit to disconnect the machines which have kept her breathing since shortly after she fell into a coma on April 15, 1975. A lower court ruling upheld the doctors' objections, but the high court gave the father the right to fire them and find other doctors who agree with his judgment that his daughter is beyond medical help and should be allowed to "die in dignity."

"We hope at the last minute the Lord will take her and we won't have to remove her from the respirator," Mr. Quinlan told reporters. But he said he and his wife will order her treatment stopped if left with the decision.

"I feel this responsibility has been put on us by God. We have to act on it. Once we made our decision, we never had any doubt," he said.

His wife, Julia, said they would immediately begin consulting physicians to see if they would declare their daughter's condition hopeless, as required by the court. But the family's attorney, Paul Armstrong, alcohol and tranquilizers. (AP)

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The Quinlans after their court victory. (UPI)

said the comatose young woman won't be removed from her respirator if an appeal of the Supreme Court decision is upcoming.

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Israel settlements in areas are 'proper,' Carter says

NEW YORK. — Former Governor Jimmy Carter said yesterday that Israel's settlements in the administered territories were proper and that he supported the sale of the C-130 transport planes to Egypt, but not pre-emptive weapons.

Carter, who is campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination in next Tuesday's New York State primary, made his remarks in answer to questions from an invited group of about 100 Jewish leaders.

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ENVOYS ON THE CAMPUS

Who are they, why do they come, and what do they do here? Rochelle Furstenberg writes about the foreign students who are in Israel to study or 'discover.'

THEY SEEM to be everywhere in Jerusalem — the overseas students studying for a year at the Hebrew University. You see them on the No. 8 bus shuttling between the Givat Ram and Mount Scopus campuses, standing in line for Woody Allen movies or showing their parents around "their city" during winter and spring vacations.

To the casual observer, "the American students," seem to be a homogeneous group, here for a year, and then gone. Perhaps this impression of uniformity is inevitable. For the group, is, on the whole, made up of American Jews, living on Mount Scopus and studying in English. Relegated to their own framework they can easily be dismissed by the Israeli as so deeply wanting to get to know.

If one looks more carefully, though, the homogeneous picture disintegrates. The One Year Programme of the Overseas School includes a great variety of people. There are Japanese Christians here to study Hebrew and the Bible, and American Christians interested in Jewish history. There are non-Jews simply here for "an adventure." (What can be more exciting than the tense Middle East — especially if you're a journalism student?) And then there are the Jews who come with various kinds of personal motivation, background and outlook. Some see Israel specifically as a testing ground for Jewish identity. One student, for example, has a Jewish boyfriend. Before deciding whether to marry him she came to Israel to see how important her Jewishness was to her. Many come from traditional backgrounds and speak Hebrew. Others come seeking greater religious commitment. Most, though, come for the simple reason that they want to spend a year studying abroad.

Studying abroad is recognized as a valuable experience in many American universities and has been integrated into their educational programming. Numerous universities sponsor junior year abroad programmes in places as far-flung as Japan and Taiwan. Six American universities have such programmes at the Hebrew University and there are similar programmes at other Israeli universities.

Jewish students interested in studying abroad might decide on Israel rather than another country because their parents are more likely to agree to Israel. It doesn't have the language requirement that say, Italy or France has. Others come because they heard from a friend about the Hebrew University programme. In contrast to many of those coming on a Jewish Agency course or to a Jewish programme, the University student is not necessarily committed to Israel or Judaism. He comes as he would to any academic course anywhere in the world. But for most, it becomes more than just another academic programme. It becomes a place for the Jewish student to confront his Jewishness, to try on his Jewish identity and see how it fits. Sometimes, the year can change a student's life. Stephen, for example, is a Columbia psychology student with little Jewish or Zionist background. He wanted to spend a year abroad and had already decided to go to England when he heard positive reports about the programme in Israel. He decided to try it. Now, a year later he is back in New York preparing to come to settle.

For Margaret, on the other hand, the Israel experience might not lead to aliyah but it will have been a decisive one nonetheless. A student of creative writing, Margaret insisted the entire year she was here that she's a humanist and her Jewishness doesn't matter to her. Now back in the States she is deeply involved with Jewish survival and is writing a book on Israel.

THE ADMINISTRATION of the Overseas School is well aware of the consciousness-raising aspect of the One Year Programme. It realizes that a rewarding year can bring young people back to settle or, at least, influence their relationship to Israel when they return to the Diaspora. Proof of this was that many of the students most active in supporting Israel during the Yom Kippur War were those who had been here on the One Year Programme. Nevertheless, the University administration insists that it be measured primarily on its academic merits.



Creating a good academic programme is no easy task. In contrast to universities in most other countries, the Hebrew University does not demand that visiting students know the language of instruction. Although students are required to take an intensive Ulpan in the summer before the semester begins and continue studying Hebrew throughout the year, they are not expected to participate in regular courses conducted in Hebrew. As it turns out this year, half of the students are, by now, participating in regular University classes. But this situation cannot be taken for granted and the language problem necessitates a special curriculum in English in a special academic framework.

Even so, it is frequently difficult for the American student to adjust to the Israeli university system. The American college student is accustomed to a greater degree of supervision in his studies. Courses usually have a textbook and the student is also assigned readings for each lecture. The Israeli student, by contrast, is often given a broad reading list and expected to fend for himself. The Americans are highly critical of this system as they feel that the lack of direction allows the student to come unprepared for lectures.

Without minimizing these criticisms Professor Daleski, Provost of Overseas Students, has pointed out, "In most other countries a visiting student is thrown into the regular University system, and is, in effect, told to adjust to the existing programme. Here, we have attempted to meet the students halfway. But the American students expect us to pattern ourselves entirely according to their expectations." However, new approaches are constantly being tried, in particular to

the curriculum. During the 'sixties the students were much less professionally oriented. "Today," says Yisroel Ro'i, Vice-Provost of the Overseas Programme, "students are worried about getting into Graduate Schools and money is tight in America. Many students will only come if it's worth their while academically."

The University is responding to the new situation by creating new programmes of specialization in addition to its regular core programme of Jewish, Israeli and Middle Eastern Studies. Instead of the "super-market" approach of the past where it tried to provide everything for everyone in a variety of subjects, it will concentrate on special courses in economics, mathematics, urban development and planning.

It is hoped that the mathematics and economics courses due to begin next year, will attract serious students who would not otherwise take off time from their studies to spend a year in Israel.

Although American students live with Israeli roommates, it is not always easy to get to know the Israeli student. The Israelis are older, they have done their army service and want to get on with the business of settling down. Moreover, the cultural differences can sometimes be hard to surmount. One young American woman finds Israeli men very chauvinistic males, for example.

However, some students manage to integrate themselves very successfully, to the point of marrying and settling here. It is sometimes the very differences that attract. Producing astute students of the Israeli scene, good-will ambassadors, committed Jews, potential olim, the one year programme deserves to be expanded and extended.

Laziness or freedom

IT OCCURS TO ME/
HADASSAH BAT HAIM

ONE OF THE very few compensations of approaching senior citizen status is the discussion of the shortcomings of those who are still behind us. We agree that there are major and minor infractions of civilized behaviour, though we are not always agreed on priorities. One of my friends is driven to distraction by midnight raids on the refrigerator, which upset her culinary plans for the week ahead; another dislikes most of the undisguised hostility with which her teen-age children greet her guests.

My own pet abomination, leading by a short head, dirty boots in the sitting-room and laundry in the wash basin, might be called the case of open and shut. Mostly it is open and not shut and therein lies my objection.

It seems to be a definite sign of advancing years to restore the cap to a tube of toothpaste or mustard. Maybe only after people have to buy their own hair shampoo and hand cream do they consider how wasteful it is to leave it open. And maybe only after they are old enough to suffer from sitting in a draught do they consider closing a door after entering or leaving by it. In our house there have been some acrimonious exchanges on the subject of lights left burning, milk going sour on the kitchen table and biscuits going soft in an uncovered tin.

IN GENERAL I agree with the premise that life is too short to be wasted on trivialities; but accepting this principle as a guideline, it must be clear that I have less of it to spare than anyone still at junior high-school. It follows then, I point out, that if I take the time to restore the lid to the shoe polish it must be an act of proven value and not merely an aberration of premature senility, however it may appear on the surface.

To leave a drawer jerked out — its contents as chaotic as a jumble sale — will require twice as long, I insist, to put in order at some later date, when the search might be even more urgent. Possibly the habit of tossing various odds and ends around to fall where they may is only maintained as long as there is someone willing to pick them up. If I were a tosser instead of a picker-upper, this carefree style of life would probably be more appealing.

Some friends of mine who dabble in psychology and have a full-time maid think the refusal to close cupboards and bottles of soda water is an indication that our children are defending their right to a free and open outlook. They are rejecting the petty restrictions of society and holding wide their receptiveness to liberty and unlimited horizons. I think they are just lazy.

Israel opera in U.S.

THE OPERA "Ashmedai," by Josef Tal and Israel Eliraz was given its U.S. premiere at the New York City Opera, under the conductorship of Gary Bertini last night. This was the first time an Israeli work of a full evening's length has been performed in the Western Hemisphere.

"Ashmedai" was written in 1969 as a commission for the Hamburg State Opera and had its world premiere during that theatre's 1971/72 season. It was subsequently performed several times and earned praise from public and critics alike. As a practical result of its initial success, the Bayerische Staatsoper, München, commissioned a new work from Eliraz and Tal — "The Temptation" — which will have its world premiere, also under Gary Bertini, in Munich this summer.

Tal seems to have "conquered" the United States. Hartford University recently dedicated a whole evening to his works, performing his Concerto for Violoncello, his Second String Quartet, and the Variations (electronic music for choreography). Another commission, "Shape," for chamber orchestra was premiered in January of this year at a concert dedicated to the U.S. Bicentennial. "Treatise," for violoncello solo, will be played this year at a concert of the American Composers Association; and his Chamber Scene "Elsa," for singer, narrator and four instruments, based on poems by the poetess Elsa Lasker-Schueler — another collaboration with Israel Eliraz — will be presented this autumn at the International Festival of Contemporary Music in Boston, Mass.

Tal's Oratorio "The Death of Moses" was recently performed by Moshe Atzmon and the orchestra of the Norddeutscher Rundfunk, Hamburg. YOHANAN BOSEIM

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World War II fighters



Hauna Shoshan, paratrooper, fighting.

THE DEDICATION of the new Beit Hahayal (Soldiers' House) in Haifa on January 27 was marked by the Philatelic Services with a special postal cancellation.

The Soldiers' Welfare Association named the seven-story building in honour of one of the outstanding Free French Officers of the Second World War, General Pierre Koenig. As commander of the Free French Forces in North Africa, Koenig ordered those Jewish soldiers from Mandatory Palestine who were under his command to fly the blue and white flag. In later years the General made a great contribution to the Israel Defence Forces.

Another aspect of Jewish military involvement in the war was commemorated by Israel with the release of a stamp honouring the Parashutists. This was a special group of Jewish men and women who volunteered to be dropped behind the German lines in Occupied Europe to carry out various missions.

Over 30,000 men and women of the Yishuv served as volunteers in various arms of the British Army during the War. Part of them eventually formed the Jewish Brigade Group which fought with the Allies under the Jewish flag.

The World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans, held in Jerusalem in January, served as a reminder that Jews also fought in all of the regular Allied armies. The convention was marked with a special postal cancellation.



A postal cancellation to mark the opening of the new Soldiers' House in Haifa.

During World War II, as news of the plight of European Jewry gradually reached Palestine, the Yishuv decided to send emissaries abroad to demonstrate that prisoners in the concentration camps and in the ghettos had not been forgotten. At the same time they inspired the Jewish Partisans to save as many of their brethren as possible by smuggling them to free countries. Thirty-two Jews were parachuted into occupied Europe by the British in 1943-4. These courageous men and women participated in partisan battles, aided escaping allied prisoners and organized underground immigration to Palestine. The news that Jews from Palestine had come to aid them gave new hope to the suffering Jewish masses. Seven of these daring men and women were killed and labels in their memory were issued by the Jewish National Fund in 1946. These labels were later used as postage stamps during the period of the provisional government.

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PORTION OF THE WEEK

Back to the old days

Shira: Tazria (Leviticus 12:1-15:59)

"WHEN A WOMAN conceives and bears..." (Leviticus 12:2) — This is what is meant by (Job 29:2): "If only I could go back to the old days, to the time when God was watching over me," which Job said when he was suffering. Rabbi Levi says: Job's words refer to the time when a person is in his mother's womb. For Rabbi Abba bar Kahana said: If you take a pure full of coins and turn it upside down — the money fall out! Whereas a pregnant woman walks upright, her uterus open downward, and the baby inside her heavy — and God keeps it from falling out. Rabbi Abbahu says: The baby emerges from its mother's innards slimy and bloody, yet everybody loves it despite its disgusting state. Because the Blessed Holy One causes it to be loved on account of its innocent state. But when it grows up, even its parents tire of it and start beating it, because it has begun to develop an evil urge and the Shechina (Divine Presence) departs from it. The Sages teach: There are three partners in every person: the Blessed Holy One, his father, and his mother. The father supplies the white stuff that forms the bones, sinews, nails, brains, and the white of the eye. The mother supplies the red stuff that forms the skin, flesh, hair, and the dark of the eye. And the Blessed Holy One supplies the spirit, soul, countenance, vision, hearing, speech, ability to walk, and intelligence. And when it is time for a person to depart from the world, the Blessed Holy One takes back His part, leaving only the parents' part. Rabbi Yehoshua said: This is what is meant by the saying: Remove the salt from the meat, and the meat quickly becomes fit only for dogs (Midrash Aggadah, Tazria; Nidda 31a).

YALKEUT SHEMONI comments on tomorrow's Haftara (II Kings 4:42-5:10): Rabbi Shmuel bar Nahmani said in Rabbi Yonatan's name: Seven things cause infectious diseases: evil tongue, bloodshed, false swearing, sexual promiscuity, haughtiness, robbery, and jealousy (Arachin 16a).

M.E.

CINEMA

Tension in the countryside

Folle a Tuer (Tel Aviv) is entitled "The Evil Trap" in English, which actually gives a better idea of what the picture is about than the French name.

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country estate, the two are kidnapped.

Director Yves Boisset is no Hitchcock but he manages to keep the suspense at a fairly high voltage, using music from Verdi's "Forces of Destiny" to underscore rising tension.

Marlene Jobert is a most attractive young actress and one cannot but be glad she is shown as so resourceful while the little boy, a well drawn character, is very well acted by a child who is lovable while not too ingratiating. Thomas Milian with his unsmiling, rock-hard features, makes a frightening killer, while the landscape of Provence makes a lovely background. It is a French-Italian production dubbed into English.

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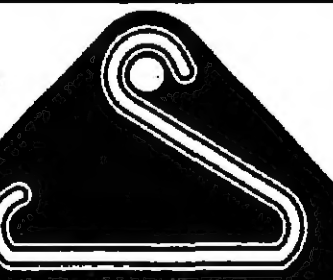
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Place	Name and Address of School	Trades	Registration Dates	Registration Hours	Requirements	
JERUSALEM	The ORT Technical Junior College adjoining The Hebrew University, Givat Ram, Tel. 36549, 36578	Electronics Instrumentation Registration at 42 Rehov Hanev'im, Tel. 222215	Computers Technical Teacher Training Registration at 42 Rehov Hanev'im, Tel. 222215	From 6.4.1976	9.00 — 14.00 on Fridays 8.30 — 12.00 Sun. and Wed. also 16.00 — 18.00	School Certificates, Identity Card, passport photos, registration fees
ASHDOD	The Rogozia ORT School for Technicians, Givat Hamigdalor, Tel. 055-21256	Electronics	Registration continues	9.00 — 16.00	As above	
GIVATAYIM	The ORT Technical Junior College in cooperation with the Municipality, 15 Rehov Golomb, Tel. 729795	Architecture Construction Mechanics Computers	Electronics Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Galvanizing	From 6.4.1976	8.30 — 12.30	As above
KFAE SABA	The Shapiro ORT School for Pract. Engineers, in cooperation with the Municipality, Main road, near the Police Bldg., Tel. 052-33130	Electronics Electricity	Mechanics Biology	6.4.76 — 23.4.76	8.30 — 12.30	As above
KIRYAT BIALIK	The Levinson ORT School for Technicians, in cooperation with the Local Council, Tel. 04-727724	Electronics Mechanics	Instrumentation	6.4.76 — 8.4.76	9.00 — 12.00 16.00 — 18.00 Fridays: 8.00 — 11.00	As above
NETANYA	The ORT Technical Junior College in cooperation with the Municipality, Tel. 053-22922	Electronics Electricity	Mechanics Instrumentation	6.4.76 — 9.4.76	8.00 — 12.00	As above
SHAFIR	The ORT School for Technicians in cooperation with the Regional Council	Electricity		Registration continues	8.00 — 13.00	As above
TEL AVIV	The Syngalowski ORT Technical Junior College 28 Kviah Hatayassim, Tel. 762291/2	Electronics Electricity	Mechanics Production	From 6.4.1976	8.30 — 12.30	As above
	The ORT School for Technicians, in cooperation with the Government Institute for Technological Education 12 Rehov Shefat, Tel. 289360	Electronics Electricity Mechanics	Construction Industrial Management (Day and Evening classes)	Registration continues	8.00 — 14.00	As above

Technical and Vocational High Schools, under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and Culture

JERUSALEM	The ORT Technical School 42 Rehov Hanevi'im, Tel. 222215 Enrolment of pupils for grades IX and X	Electronics Architecture Mechanics Automechanics	Computers Instrumentation Tourist Trades (Possibility of Matriculation)	From 6.4.1976	9.00 — 14.00 On Fridays 8.00 — 12.00 On Sun. and Wed. also 16.00 — 18.00	School Certificate of previous year School Certificate of current year Identity Card, passport photos, registration fees
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ASHDOD	The Rogozin ORT Nautical School (boarding) in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture, Givat Hamigdalor, Tel. 055-21256	Marine Radio Officers Marine Electricity Officers Naval Mechanics (three year course)		Registration continues	9.00 — 16.00	As above
ASHKELON	The ORT Technical School in cooperation with the Municipality Afridar, Tel. 051-28735	Electronics Electricity	Mechanics Tourist Trades (Possibility of Matriculation)	6.4.76 — 14.4.76	8.00 — 13.00 On Tues. and Wed. also 16.00 — 18.00	As above
BEERSHEBA	The Margolin ORT School for Chemistry Trades, in cooperation with the Municipality Shikun Gimel, Tel. 057-77296	Chemistry	(Possibility of Matriculation)	From Pessah vacation	9.00 — 12.00 16.00 — 19.00	As above
BINYAMINA	The Farb ORT Vocational High School, in cooperation with Igud Arim Shomron, Givat Hapoel, Tel. 063-88733	Electronics Mechanics	Architectural Drawing Workshop Practice (Building) (Possibility of Matriculation)	From 6.4.1976	8.00 — 13.00	As above
	The ORT Religious Vocational High School, in cooperation with Igud Arim Shomron, Givat Hapoel, Tel. 063-88040	Mechanics and Workshop Practice		From Pessah vacation	8.00 — 15.00	As above
BAT YAM	The Melton ORT Technical School, in cooperation with the Municipality, Ramat Hanaasi, Tel. 866808	Electronics Electricity	Mechanics (Possibility of Matriculation)	6.4.76 — 19.4.76	8.00 — 13.00	In addition to above, address of psychotechnic testing station
	The ORT Vocational High School for Girls, in cooperation with the Municipality, 17 Rehov Nizana, Tel. 867253	Tourist Trades Fashion Trades	Secretarial Skills (Secretaryship, Bookkeeping) (Possibility of Matriculation)	6.4.76 — 22.4.76	8.00 — 12.00	
EIN HAROD	The ORT Comprehensive School in Emek Harod, Ein Harod, Ihud, Tel. 065-81694	Agromechanics Electronics	Mechanics Home Economics and Dressmaking General study classes for matriculation	Registration continues	8.00 — 12.00	In addition to above, psychotechnic testing certificate
GAN YAVNE	The A. J. Grinberg ORT Vocational School in Yeshiva "Ahuzat Yaakov" P.O.B. 31, Tel. 053-94328	Mechanics Electronics	Carpentry	From Pessah vacation	9.00 — 13.00	
GIVATAYIM	The ORT Technical School, in cooperation with the Municipality, 15 Rehov Golomb, Tel. 729795	Architecture Construction Mechanics	Computers, Electronics Refrigeration and Air Cond. Galvanizing (Possibility of Matriculation)	From 6.4.1976	8.30 — 12.30	In addition to above, medical certificate, certificate for studies outside place of residence
HAIFA	The ORT Vocational High School, in cooperation with the Municipality, Rehov Hana Senesh, Tel. 668000	Secretarial Skills Graphics Industrial Chemistry Laboratory Assistant		From 6.4.1976	8.00 — 12.00 16.00 — 18.00	
HERZLIYA	The Josephthal ORT Technical School, in cooperation with the Municipality, 121 Sderot Shivat Hakohavim, Tel. 981614	Electronics, Electricity,	Mechanics (Possibility of Matriculation)	6.4.76 — 23.4.76	8.30 — 13.00	In addition to above, medical certificate
HOF HASHARON	The Pollin ORT Vocational High School, in cooperation with the Regional Council, Kibbutz Shifayim, Tel. 930551	Electronics Agromechanics	Secretarial Skills Home Economics	From 6.4.1976	9.00 — 13.00	
HOLON	The ORT Technical School, in cooperation with the Municipality, Hamifde Ha'ezrah, Prof. Shor, Tel. 845373	Electronics General Mechanics Fine Mechanics	Automechanics Die-making Technical Clerk (Possibility of Matriculation)	6.4.76 — 12.4.76	8.00 — 12.30	In addition to above, medical certificate, psychotechnic test, certificate for studies outside place of residence
	The ORT Education Centre, in cooperation with the Municipality, 1 Rehov Shivat Zion, Tel. 850947	Fashion Trades Electricity	Hairdressing Carpentry	6.4.76 — 13.4.76	9.00 — 12.00	
HATZOR HAGEILIT	The Everett ORT Comprehensive General and Religious School, Hatzor Hageilit, Tel. 067-37572	Mechanics Electronics Fashion Trades	Electricity General study classes for matriculation	From 6.4.1976	9.00 — 13.00 17.00 — 19.00	As above
BNEI BRAK	The N.J. Wolfson ORT Religious Vocational High School, in cooperation with the Women's Section of Hapoel Hatzarai, Neve Sara Herzog, 8 Rehov Gnehovski, Tel. 783806	Fashion Trades Hotelery and Home Economics		From Pessah vacation	8.30 — 14.00	As above
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KFAE HABAD	The ORT Technical School in Yeshiva Habad-Lubavitch, Tel. 944671	Mechanics, Workshop Practice, Automechanics, Printing, Construction, Carpentry and Furniture Making		Registration continues	8.00 — 16.00 except Fridays	
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MEIRON	The ORT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, in Yeshiva Ezer-Akiva "Bar Yochai," Tel. 067-30043	Mechanics		From Pessah vacation	9.00 — 13.00 As above
NAZARETH	The ORT-Amal Technical School, in partnership with the Municipality, Main Street, P.O.B. 180, Tel. 065-54389	Mechanics and Workshop Practice Automechanics Secretarial Skills for Girls		Registration continues	8.00 — 15.00 As above
NETANYA	The ORT Technical School, in cooperation with the Municipality, New Industrial District, Tel. 053-22922	Electronics Electricity Instrumentation	Naval Mechanics Technical Drawing Technical Clerks (Possibility of Matriculation) Hotelier Trades and Cooking, Reception Clerk	6.4.76 — 12.4.76	8.00 — 12.00 As above
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TEL AVIV	The Syngalowski ORT Technical School, 28 Kvish Hatayassim, Tel. 762291/2 Enrolment of pupils for grades IX and X	Electronics Electricity Computers	Planning and Drawing (Possibility of Matriculation)	6.4.76 — 9.4.76	8.30 — 12.30 In addition to above, psychotechnic test certificate
	The ORT Vocational High School for Girls, Municipal School IV in cooperation with the Municipality, 2 Rehov Metula, Tel. 57785	Fashion Trades Women's Hairdressing	(Possibility of Matriculation)	From Pessah vacation	8.00 — 13.00 As above
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BEIT EL	ORT — Armament Force Industrial School, Army Post 2026, Tel. 02-953822	Automechanics Registration at the ORT office, 14 King George Ave. Tel Aviv		6.4.76 — 13.4.76	8.00 — 15.00 Medical certificate Recommendation of school adviser
EILAT	The ORT Apprenticeship Centre, Rehov Hativat Golan, Tel. 059-3992	Mechanical Workshop Practice Automechanics	Fashion Trades	Registration continues	8.00 — 13.00
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	The ORT — Amcoram Industrial School, 10 Rehov Hapeled, Tel. 857133	Exact Machining for Aviation Enrolment of Pupils into grades X, XI, XII		From May 1976	8.00 — 15.00 Certificate of previous vocational studies
	The ORT — Caterpillar Industrial School, Industrial District, Tel. 829147	Mechanics Mechanical Engineering Equipment		From Pessah vacation	8.00 — 13.00 Worker's card
YAVNE	The ORT — Arzaman Industrial School, Industrial District, Tel. 055-95251	Textile Chemistry Machine Maintenance		From 4.4.1976	8.00 — 15.30
	The ORT — Ormat Industrial School, P.O.B. 68, Tel. 055-95451	Workshop Practice and Mechanics, (Turning and Fitting, Milling and Welding)		Registration continues	7.00 — 16.30 except Fridays
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	The ORT — Ford Industrial School, Shapiro Apprenticeship Centre, Tel. 829147	Automechanics		From Pessah vacation	8.00 — 13.00 Worker's card
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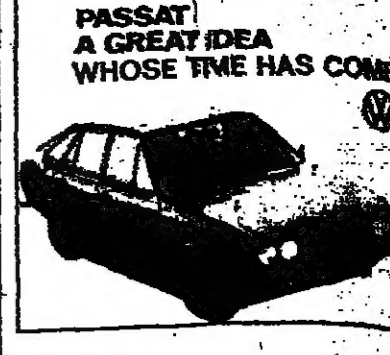
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Tender Documents and Forms of Tender can be obtained against payment of IL400.- (non-refundable) from the Office of the City Engineer. Bidders should submit their bids in two copies on the tender form provided and in compliance with the conditions of tender.

Bids, accompanied by a bank guarantee of 5% of the bid total, valid for a period 120 days from the last date set for submission of bids, should be placed in the tender box or sent by registered post to arrive not later than 12 noon on May 11, 1976.

The envelope containing the bid should be marked:

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IT MAY BE CONFUSING for readers who know of the Jerusalem Rainbow Group to hear now of a daughter London group founded in October, 1974, whose secretary was also the secretary of the Jerusalem Group, convening its main first public function on the theme of Jerusalem. That is precisely what happened in the "One Day Seminar on Jerusalem" held on March 8, 1976.

This special event took place under the co-chairmanship of the Dean of Westminster and the Senior Rabbi of the West London Synagogue, and in the presence of the Mayor of Jerusalem, the Chief Rabbi and the former Archbishop of Jerusalem (Archbishop George Appletton). The magnificent setting for all this was the 14th century Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey, where modern Israeli tourist posters were hung alongside the 17th century tapestries depicting biblical events.

The seminar studied in depth the history and present problems of Jerusalem as a City holy to three faiths.

The Mayor of Jerusalem has a gift for a colourful phrase and on the subject of maintaining the independent traditions of the Jewish, Christian and Moslem communities in Jerusalem he said "we aim to encourage and help them all without turning our city into a goulash." On the financial problems of a relatively poor Capital, he quipped "for Jerusalem you pray; for Tel Aviv you pay." Admitting that the Moslem holy places caused "certain tensions," he added "we can at least discourage Jews from praying there until the Messiah arrives. Of course he might arrive any day, but that is a risk all of us must take." On a more serious note he remarked that "to divide our City up again would be — I use a strong word — obscene. It would be as bad as cutting up a living body."

The Mayor agreed that he had plenty of problems but he had nothing for which to apologise. "Jerusalem has been an unhappy City when it was divided from 1948-1967; it had been a City of barriers, barbed wire and no-man's-land zones. Today we have tolerance; we have free movement; we have no fear. I have no policemen outside the Town Hall or outside my own flat." Israel had restored complete freedom and denominational independence, he noted. "The different Christian Churches can run



At a seminar on Jerusalem, in the Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey. From left: Martin Gilbert, the writer; The Dean of Westminster Abbey, Dr. Edward Carpenter; Rabbi Hugo Gryn; Canon Peter Schneider; Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek; and the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, Dr. Immanuel Jacobovitz.

CHRISTIAN COMMENT / OIKUMENIKOS

CITY WITHOUT FEAR

their own schools and need pay no taxes."

THE HISTORY of Jerusalem was dealt with by Dr. Tudor Parfitt of London University's School of Oriental and African Studies, and Mr. Martin Gilbert, Fellow of Merton College, Oxford and the official Churchill Historian.

Dr. Parfitt made three points which should be well noted, particularly by those propagandists who claim that the "Zionist" invasion of Palestine began only after the 1917 Balfour Declaration. By the 1830s the Jews had become the largest community in Jerusalem. By the 1850s they were in a majority over Moslems and Christians combined, and the Jewish population of Jerusalem rose from only 2,000 in 1800 to over 18,000 in 1882. "Any stranger walking around Jerusalem 100 years ago would have been struck by the overwhelming Jewish presence in the City," said Dr. Parfitt. "The Jews came back in numbers to Jerusalem, despite the blood libel of 1847, and a decree such as that a Jew who set foot in the Dome of the Rock should be put to death."

Mr. Gilbert took up the story from 1882 and commented that the building of the Jaffa-Jerusalem

Railway had begun in 1888; the decision to found a Jewish Library was taken in 1890; the first land purchase at Motza to create an "agricultural hinterland" was made in 1891; Herzl's appeal to the Turkish Sultan for Jewish rights in their own holy places was issued in 1895; the Kaiser visited the country in 1898 and studied the Zionist case; the Bezalel Art School was founded in 1904; and the purchase of land on Mount Scopus for the building of the Hebrew University began in 1908.

Canon Peter Schneider, Secretary of the London Rainbow Group, which organized the Seminar and newly appointed secretary of the "Committee to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York on Interfaith Relations" spoke on "The Christian Communities in Jerusalem in the context of the larger religious framework of the Holy City." He paid special attention to how the three religions could creatively complement each other.

"In all three monotheisms associated with Jerusalem there is a continuous tension between 'Heavenly' and 'Earthly Jerusalem,'" he said. "The base of us moderns is in our insistent demand that such tensions must be resolved, so that we translate 'Earthly' and 'Heavenly' for 'Secular' and 'Religious,' and

then go on insisting that the tension must be resolved either way. This inevitably separates the secular from the religious. It is precisely this that both the Bible and the seers in Judaism, Christianity and Islam refuse to do. This is not a plot of the religious to keep Jerusalem within their grip — rather it is a genuine extension of the prophetic insight that makes incumbent upon the present holders of Jerusalem a striving after an ideal that can be seen and acclaimed by the world."

Schneider went on to say that "religion still counts in Jerusalem a great deal more than in any other city of the West." He added that the latest official figures, for 1973 showed that the city had 231,000 Jews, 87,000 Moslems and 12,000 Christians. The number of Christians showed only a small rise compared with that of Jews and Moslems.

"The major problems facing the Christian Communities as a whole," Canon Schneider said, "narrowed down to two specific issues: the alarming emigration of the most promising Christian young men and families and a decline in religious commitment and attachment to the Church. As far as the Christian emigration is concerned, this affects the whole of the Middle East and so

can hardly be laid at the door of Israel. Rather, it is a problem that should be tackled at the highest level of Christian leadership in Jerusalem, i.e. the Patriarch. The loosening of Christian faith and Church attachment is of course, a universal problem that needs to be faced both locally and globally.

"Another compelling issue related to both these problems is the relation of the Christian Communities to the real world outside the confines of their 'quarter' and beyond the compass of the 'Miller' and the 'Star of David.' The resurgence of Jewish Jerusalem has pressed world attention on the City, but it has also brought modern industry, architecture and a great University, which in its turn, has given rise to a whole crop of institutes of higher learning with not a few noted Christian foundations."

"In this situation 'Christian-Jewish Relations' is not an esoteric exercise for some fringe frontier priests and rabbis. Rather from the Christian side it is nothing less than the relating of the Church to the immediate contemporary world. From my experience of Jerusalem which is, I know, shared by many of my Christian colleagues in the Holy City, I know of no better midwife to aid the Church out of the restrictions of the past into the realities of the contemporary world than the present Mayor of Jerusalem."

"There are many indications that despite all the religious complexities and difficulties of the Holy City it is in that unique place where three monotheisms could meet. There is already an apparent potentiality for a pre-emptive Jewish-Christian relationship. By far the greatest possibility was posed to me by a Jerusalem Rabbi when he asked: 'Is it perhaps possible that here in this place monotheism is being given a second chance to be a relevant world religion?'"

"Certainly the first test of such relevance will be the effectiveness of the Religious Communities to make a significant contribution towards peace. Anything less is unworthy of the spiritual heritage and the true perspective of Jerusalem. No words can so eloquently summate this and much more than those of Isaiah. (Is. 67, Jerusalem Bible).

"You who put the Lord in remembrance take no rest and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem, and makes it a praise in the earth."

Jacob Tsur pays tribute to Rene Cassin, who died last month.

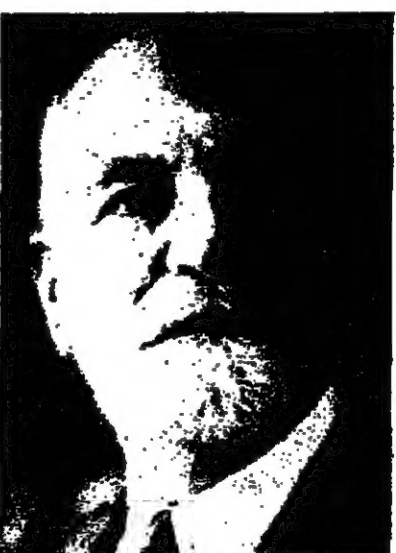
Great Frenchman and proud Jew

jurist made no pretence at concealing his dissent.

Cassin was born at Bayonne near Bordeaux into a partly-Marrano family which settled in France after the Expulsion from Portugal, and partly stemming from the "Pope's Jews," a medieval community in France which had been presented as a gift to the Papacy in the 14th century and remained under the wing of the Holy See until the French Revolution. He fought valiantly and was decorated in the First World War, and afterwards headed the powerful Association of War Invalids which played a leading role in public affairs.

I believe it must have been a complete surprise to him when he made fortuitous contact with the Yishuv in Palestine during the 1938 Arab disturbances. As one of two Lyon University professors, he took part in a panel of law examiners at Cairo University. They decided to pay a short visit to Palestine, and at the instance of some friends I escorted them on a tour of the country. Cassin's name, appearance and the questions he asked obviously set him apart from his Catholic colleagues.

Some 18 years later I met him again at Paris airport among those greeting me as newly-accredited Ambassador of Israel. It became evident from many subsequent talks how deeply he had been impressed



by that first visit to the Yishuv in the mid-'30s.

CASSIN took up Jewish affairs with characteristic enthusiasm when asked to reorganise the Alliance Israelite Universelle at the height of the war.

This followed the Allied invasion of North Africa and the initial struggle of France-Liberte to establish control over the Maghreb as a preliminary to Allied recognition of the

sovereignty of de Gaulle's government in France.

The importance of the Alliance Schools in which French was taught then became manifest — the schools had been badly hit during the Vichy regime and all ties with Metropolitan France were cut off. One day de Gaulle called in Cassin and asked: "Why don't you take on the chairmanship of the Alliance? It is extremely important for France."

Cassin readily agreed and proceeded to remodel the schools in Algeria and later in Morocco, coalescing around him a group of active Jewish public figures. After the war he was elected President of the Alliance, a post he held until his death, and was at the forefront of Jewish life in France.

Notwithstanding Cassin's assimilationist background, his strong Jewish sympathies led him to modify the once-embedded assimilationist and anti-Zionist prejudice of the Alliance with its network of schools from Teheran to Marrakesh. With the inception of North African immigration into Israel he lent a willing hand to remove all possible obstacles.

He also helped to strengthen Alliance institutions in this country, particularly the Mikveh Israel Agricultural School, and to establish the fine secondary Rothschild School at Ramat Aviv and the high school

bearing his own name at Ramat Eshkol.

A confirmed friend of Israel, Rene Cassin often came here and was stalwart in Israel's support during many a critical situation. He was among the Nobel laureates who signed a ringing declaration against the UNESCO and UN votes and the persecution of Jewish scientists in the Soviet Union. His sympathies were not confined to Israel: the last manifesto which he signed was a sharp denunciation of the murder of Christians in the Lebanon, in which he recalled that 115 years ago the Alliance Israelite urged the French Government to defend the Maronites then being oppressed by the Ottoman authorities.

I have a vivid recollection of a military parade mounted on the great expanse of the Invalides in Paris in the mid-'50s in memory of the Jewish fallen in the battles of France and the Resistance. Prof. Cassin represented the French President at the ceremony and devoted a large part of his address to commemorating the gallant young soldiers of Israel who gave their lives for Jewish independence.

For me, there was an ironical symbolism in that parade. Sixty years earlier, at the nearby Ecole Militaire, a Jewish officer in the French Army, Captain Alfred Dreyfus, was degraded publicly on trumped-up charge of treason. Now came another Jew, proud of his heritage, an illustrious statesman, to pay tribute to the gallantry of Jewish soldiers who fought and fell for the Jewish homeland. Autre temps, autre moeurs.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

BACKGROUND REPORT/YA'ACOV ARDON

Move among seamen to secede from Histadrut

By YA'ACOV ARDON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Over 1,500 ratings serving aboard 80 vessels in the merchant marine will elect their trade union representatives this month in a decisive election, as labour relations, especially between the officers and the ratings unions, have seriously deteriorated since the last vote three and a half years ago.

The Ratings Union is divided into the three sections, engine room, catering and deck personnel. In the first two, there is only one list of candidates, the present office holders. Only the deck hands list is being contested.

Moshe Levi, the stormy, explosive secretary who wants the Seamen's Union to secede from the Histadrut, is presenting himself for re-election. His salary is paid direct out of the seamen's dues and he scoffs at the Histadrut refusal to pay a salary to a rebel trade unionist. His popularity increased recently when he won a legal battle against the Officers' Union before the Transport Ministry's disciplinary tribunal. The latter ruled that a strike of the ratings aboard the Panamanian-flag (but Israel-owned) tanker Nitta, in a Tessa Gulf port a few months ago, was indeed a labour dispute, as Levi had claimed, and not a mutiny.

But Levi's erratic, self-willed tactics have brought an opposition list, financed by the Labour Party

and called "Ne'emany Hayama'ut" (Seafaring Loyalists). It is headed by a man of the same rank as Moshe Levi, bowen Ami Benari. He called a press conference here this week and announced his programme which included remaining within the Histadrut, peace with the officers, proper seamanship and discipline, and a demand to the Government, not to sell the eight Israel-flag ships of the Maritime Fruit Company or other ships to anybody who will not employ Israel crews.

Benari said he had been persuaded by the Histadrut Executive to put up his alternative list and had been assured that the Histadrut would pay his election expenses. Later, he said, he learnt that the money came from the Labour Party, but he did not represent any party interests. He charged that his rival was using unfair electioneering tactics, that his own posters were being obliterated while Levi's remained legible. He would also contest the legality of holding elections on April 6, before he had a chance to bring his alternative list to the knowledge of the voters. According to Levi the elections were fixed for April 6, 13 and 26 to give the crews of arriving ships the opportunity to cast their vote here.

Benari in his posters charged that Moshe Levi's tactics frightened foreign businessmen from dealing with Israel shipping companies.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

Week closes on upbeat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Stocks finished the week with an upward move. Tefahot, Dekel and Elco all rose. The volume for the day was a moderate 11.7m., of which 11,889,000 was traded in the variable sector.

After several days of continuous rise the Nafat dollar remained unchanged at 12.09. The price was maintained in spite of an offer of \$122,000. At that price \$361,000 changed hands.

In the bond market optional loans due to mature within six months

rose by 3-5 points, but longer-term loans fell by 1-3 points. The 6.5 per cent Defence Loan, continuing its recent strong performance, rose by approximately 3 points.

Absorption Loans rose as well, by 4-5 points. The 1,000 series showed a fractional to one-point rise. The volume for yesterday's bond sector was 11,010,000.

Dollar-denominated bonds were uneven. The General Index rose yesterday by 0.56 per cent to stand at 125.44 points.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Thursday, April 1, 1976

Recovery after losses

NEW YORK. — Stocks were showing some recovery from steep earlier losses.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down over three points. It was off about eight points earlier.

Advancing issues still trailed decliners but were improving their

position. Trading has been fairly active.

Brokers say the recovery is assisted by the report that both sides in Lebanon's civil war agreed to a 10-day cease-fire.

The Dow Jones index was 996.5, down 2.8. Shares traded totaled 14,390,000.

This commentary and selected list of stocks are based on the quotations at 3 p.m. New York time one hour before the market closes.

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Allied Chemical	45%	United Technologies	59
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American Can	56%	Woolworth	26%
American Tel and Tel	41%	Avon Prod	42%
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Bathlehem Steel	145%	Boise Cascade	28%
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Dupont	40	Control Data	25%
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Exxon	29%	Fairchild Camera	40%
General Electric	69%	General Dynamics	53%
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

THE ISRAEL LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP. is attracting the interest of South African investors, according to general manager Shalom Moros. The company is paying a 10 per cent cash dividend, before tax, and a 20 per cent stock bonus in company stock and founder stock. The LDC operating profit for 1975 last year and the 1976 year 12m. Future plans include development of a four dunam

EASTMAN-KODAK has been ordered by a U.S. District Court to reveal records relating to its business in the Middle East, at the request of two shareholders, who are backed by the American Jewish Congress. The move is linked with a stockholders resolution that would require Kodak to report any compliance with the Arab boycott. Kodak had said it does not cooperate with the boycott.



Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan watches while a pipe is laid as part of a project to desalinate water from the Dead Sea area and use it for farming. The project is being carried out by PMLD of the U.S., which had a hand in much of the reclamation of land from the sea in Holland.

The Mart: un-united at 20

United Europe, the dream of Count Coudenhove-Kalergi, a Tokyo-born Austrian is being realized... Or is it?

His idea was launched at the first Pan-European Congress, fifty years ago, but then encountered only sympathy. The Nazis, of course, tried to destroy any sign of pan-European interest and Coudenhove-Kalergi fled to the U.S. But, in the midst of the war, no less a figure than Winston Churchill again took up the idea of a united Europe.

Rebuilding Europe consumed all energies after the devastation of the war, but thanks to the U.S. Marshall plan, the restoration succeeded beyond expectations. The foundation was laid for the Rome agreements, concluded about two decades ago. The much hailed Common Market, in reality a strong and very important Customs Union, was welcomed as the beginning of a United Europe. However, after nearly twenty years it still has the appearance of just that, a beginning.

The Common Market at first comprised only six countries: France, Germany, Italy and the Benelux: Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Later, only a few years ago, three additional countries joined, the United Kingdom among them. The nine members are trying hard, it is said, to unify their legislation in economic, financial and fiscal matters.

Are they really? Despite the many efforts of numerous bodies and committees, despite the manifold activities of the central administration in Brussels and the Strasbourg-based parliament and law court, not much has been achieved besides the still powerful customs union.

The lack of integration in the monetary sphere is a case in point. After the customs union became a fact of life, and many countries, Israel among them, were queuing up to join the Common Market, the next step was said to be economic

J. Voet examines why the dream of a united Europe has been frustrated. An important factor has been the refusal to pool monetary reserves.

and monetary integration. The goal would be a common currency unit and many efforts have been made to achieve this.

The famous "snake", the tunnel with clearly defined bottom limits in which European currencies float, more or less together, against the United States dollar, is so far its ultimate achievement in unity. The "snake" demonstrates, however, more appearance than reality. Two important monetary units, the pound sterling and the Italian lira, never joined the snake.

However, there are plans to establish one European currency, bravely called the "Europa". In the fall of last year nine monetary experts, one for every member country of the Common Market, have published a report, advocating a single currency unit for trade within the Common Market.

The committee of nine has found a simple solution, by copying the basket concept of the SDR's, the Special Drawing Rights, granted by the International Monetary Fund to its members. As is well known, many SDR's are no longer calculated in United States dollars, as they used to be before the dollar devaluations, but according to an average of the more important world currencies.

Taking a leaf from the book of the International Monetary Fund, the committee proudly introduced the "Europa": 28% German mark, 21% French franc, 16% sterling, 13% Italian lira, 9% Dutch florin, 9% Belgian franc, 3% Danish crown and just over 1% Irish pound. This conglomerate is, of course, no uni-

fied currency. It is, at best, a unit of accounting.

Attempts have been made to improve the calculation of the "Europa" by also incorporating inflation rates. After this operation, the "Europa," the experts say, could be used as a real currency. It is difficult, however, to see how a monetary unit whose value can only be established after a rather complicated calculation, based on figures which are normally not accepted by everybody, can function effectively in banking transactions.

Somewhat before the nine monetary experts, an official Dutch committee, nominated by the Minister of Economic Affairs published a much bolder concept of the "Europa". In the year 1980, it said, Europe should introduce a real unified currency. One currency is the real touchstone of European unity, it said, and this is possible if the countries really want it.

It is nonsense, the Dutch committee argued, to make complete economic integration dependent on one currency. At present no integration exists between various parts of France, or of Italy or of any other Common Market country for that matter. Still the franc rules in Paris as well as in Normandy, the lira in Milan and in Sicily. There are many technical difficulties but these could be overcome in, say, a four year period, the committee noted.

But necessary for such a plan, the experts admit, is a pooling of the monetary reserves. This need not signify that the gold bars presently held in Paris, Amsterdam or Frankfurt have to be sent physically to Brussels. But the national authorities have to subordinate their power to use these reserves to an European monetary authority.

This seems to be an insurmountable barrier. The difficulty here is clearly political. The will to create a unified Europe is obviously lacking. For the time being, the bold concept of Coudenhove-Kalergi — a real unified Europe — is confined to a customs union, nothing more.

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From the streets to the polls

THE SUCCESSFUL conclusion yesterday of the candidate registration stage of the municipal elections in Judea and Samaria scheduled for April 12 is an encouraging sign following last week's wave of unrest in these areas. An impressive total of candidates and a large proportion of incumbent councillors have chosen to run again. This is the most convincing answer to those who earlier in the week were predicting that the elections would not be held in the aftermath of the demonstrations.

It is admittedly confusing but none the less necessary to accept and understand the basically mercurial nature of the Arab population and its political culture, evinced so dramatically by these seemingly contradictory developments. While we must realistically accept the basic premise that the population of the West Bank is deeply opposed to the continued Israeli presence there, we must also recognize the pragmatic acquiescence of the population in this presence. This is expressed in the healthy growth of a local politics which is primarily involved with the conduct of the daily life of the inhabitants. It is this pragmatic streak underlying the sporadically stormy surface that offers promise of the continuing development of realistic relations between Israel and the Arab population of the areas.

While the military administration of Judea and Samaria should be congratulated upon the successful completion of this first stage in the electoral process it must be faulted for trying to have it both ways at the last minute. Israel wisely and courageously took the risk of holding truly democratic elections in the areas, for the second time; the Government should not have wavered in this determination by unnecessary last-minute attempts to persuade incumbent mayors Ja'abari and Al-Masri of Hebron and Nablus to submit their candidacies once again. The situation in Judea and Samaria is so fluid that it is not at all sure that the political conditions in these towns would necessarily deteriorate under new mayors.

True, the relatively large number of candidates openly identified with the underground communist and Fatah-affiliated Palestine National Front will perform mean that a number of West Bank towns will be headed by such men after the elections. This is the element of risk involved in the decision to hold democratic elections. But it was a known and calculated risk when the decision to hold the elections was taken and should now not be regretted.

Israel has nothing to lose by situations in which it meets even relatively extreme Palestinian nationalists across municipal executive desks rather than in terrorist confrontations.

Discriminatory dismissals

THE REPORTED intention of a number of employers in the north to dismiss Arab employees who failed to report for work on Tuesday, the day of the Arab protest strike, is just the sort of knee-jerk reaction which we can do without in the aftermath of the strike. Histadrut Secretary-General Yerushalmi Meshel warned employers against such action — before the strike. It is hoped the Histadrut will now swing into action against Labour Councils, like that in Haifa, who are ready to support such dismissals.

Not all the Arab workers who stayed away from work on Tuesday did so of their own free will. Many were subject to intense and bewildering cross pressures. They should not be unjustly penalized and certainly not by employers who are not the most suitable bodies to decide on the nuances of policy towards the Arab community. Such actions can only be construed as an anachronistic continuation of the underground "state within a state" habits of pre-Israel in which institutions and individuals took it upon themselves to carry out national policy in vigilante fashion.

It is still legal to strike in Israel, even if the strike in question is political in nature and unpopular with the majority. In a country in which even strikers who come close to shutting the economy down — whether in the Electric Corporation, El Al or Ashdod Port — are rewarded rather than punished, the dismissal of these Arab workers can only be perceived as an expression of extreme discrimination.

What is needed now is the establishment of a dialogue with the silent majority of the Arab community and its responsible leaders. Unthinking vindictiveness will simply drive this majority into the hands of the irredentist agitators.

This is the last thing that the State could wish for in its relations with its Arab citizens.

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DAVAT (Histadrut) says: "If any uncertainty remained as to Rakah's role in inciting the Arab community, the uproar created by that party's Knesset members in the house on Wednesday will put an end to all such doubts. Clearly, this was a case of organized spontaneity. However, the speaker at this session did well not to expel the Rakah MKs from the plenary as any extreme measure would only have served their propaganda aims."

"While Mr. Rabin's speech was a satisfactory reply to the charges of Rakah, it did not acknowledge the vital need for a re-appraisal of policy towards the Arab minority. Neither an offensive against Rakah nor action by the security forces will solve the fundamental problem. The ideal political settings for a solution will emerge only after the signing of peace treaties with the Arab states, but meanwhile a policy must be adopted of encouraging the positive elements who form the majority among the Arabs of Israel."

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Cheerful tax-warrior



(Joseph Loefer)

Professor Haim Ben-Shahar, left, father of Israel's tax-reform measures, wants to see a profound change in tax-paying morality. In this wide-ranging interview with Economic Editor Moshe Ater, he expresses his ideas on what must be done to make the reforms work and to stabilise the economy.

Cheerful and mild-mannered, Professor Haim Ben-Shahar does not give much of an appearance of a warrior, but as head of the committee on income tax reform, he has led the forces against tax inequalities. Ben-Shahar has mixed feelings about what has been done so far. He notes that the committee's recommendations concerning wage-earners have largely been carried out. Only very minor items, such as gifts to workers and bus fares, are still exempt from taxes. He notes with satisfaction that the government backed down in its move to give special treatment to El Al personnel. This would have led to an avalanche of similar demands, he says.

However, regarding non-wage income, the situation is quite different. The introduction of obligatory accounting for self-employed, more extensive income tax returns and the linking of tax arrears to the cost-of-living index are all important. But, he noted, there has been no tax-collection drive, or scrutiny of the tax forms to back up these measures.

The Treasury has warned that it would be firmer in the future, he said, but this has only caused evaders to seek new ways of getting around the law. Every year, the Treasury officials should scrutinize a sample of tax returns in depth and give stiff penalties to offenders. Moreover, all tax returns and tax payments should be made on time.

But much more important, there should be a profound change in tax-paying morality. Just as people consider it shameful to avoid reserve duty, they should be ashamed of not paying their taxes. While the public and the media should participate in this campaign, it is the government which should spearhead it. After all, he noted, the government is responsible for tax collection and has so far failed to improve it.

The public, he said, seeing that the tax offices work in the same old way, don't realize that tax reform is not a raising or lowering of the tax rate, but a change in the civic attitude to taxes. He strongly criticized politicians who spoke of raising the marginal tax rate from 50 to 75 or 80 per cent. This he said, was pure

demagoguery, and while such measures have small chance of being passed, they serve to frighten off tax evaders who were considering declaring their full incomes.

Professor Ben-Shahar noted that his committee had recommended reducing the marginal tax rate. This, he said, was because worldwide experience has shown that high punitive rates are counterproductive as they only encourage the rich to find ways of not paying their taxes. It is most important, he repeated, to reassure the public that there will be no marginal tax, this year or later.

The professor, who has been acting as Tel Aviv University president, deplors the fact that this job keeps him from his research. But he does keep up with the nation's finances, and notes that even if a real reform in taxes doesn't bring in more funds (and he thinks it will), the state can expect additional income from the new Value-Added Tax. This, he notes, can replace the old sales tax for everything except luxuries.

Again he cites worldwide experience which, he says, indicates that indirect taxes are more easily borne than direct ones. Since the tax affects rich and poor alike, he proposes the introduction of negative income tax-payments to families whose income falls below a certain level. He finds this system superior to welfare payments, which carry a social stigma and tend to encourage inefficiency and even corruption when extended beyond a certain limit.

For the rich, Prof. Ben-Shahar recommends a total revamping of the capital market. At present, he noted, there is no such market to speak of because no one can compete with the government, as either a borrower or a lender. This stems from the government practice of linking bonds to the C-o-L index, while making its loans to others free of such linkage.

He considers the system untenable. Capital borrowed so cheaply was often wasted, he claimed. On the other hand the state is burdened with high financing costs which are not passed on to borrowers. The saver has an undue advantage, he

said, as the only one protected against not only inflation, but deterioration of our international terms of trade.

Savings, like wages, should be linked for only 70 per cent of the C-o-L index. On the other hand, long-term government loans — even those granted for social reasons or as economic incentives — should be similarly linked. Such changes, he pointed out were opposed by a motley of vested interests, including private firms, and kibbutzim. But he stressed this was the only way to make the money market less dependent on the government.

He also called for an end to short-term credit at low interest — to special groups. If cheap directed credits have ever served a purpose, he said, they no longer do. Even export credits should not be in local currency at low interest — as they are now. Instead such credits should be linked to the exchange rate. He said this would stop the present unhealthy situation in which banks must impose high interest rates on some, to offset the low interest for others.

Export incentives must be continued, he said, but not in the form of cheap credits. Instead the government should adjust the exchange rate adequately — for which it needs a leeway of more than the current two per cent a month. This would ensure that the rate of devaluation would stay ahead of inflation and make exports profitable over a long period.

As part of the effort for exports, he noted, we must reduce domestic consumption, private and public — and these cuts, he stressed should include defence spending. If this is not reduced now, the vast spending will eventually damage our defence capability, he said. Only when we expand our exports and reduce the trade deficit can the country resume its economic growth, he said.

He concluded by noting that the man in the street does not realize how perilous the economic situation it — and the government has done nothing to make him aware of it. This has been demonstrated, he said, by the recent debate on the budget, which is too big, by the repeated delay of VAT and by the slipshod handling of tax reform.

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READERS' LETTERS

HOTEL PRICES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Allow me to draw attention to what is nothing less than sharp practice now introduced in local hotels regarding Israelis. On taking a few days' leave at one hotel (the Goldar in Netanya), we were handed a rates list which showed the rates in dollars for tourists and in Israeli pounds for residents.

On checking the bill before leaving, we found to our surprise that the charges were much higher than printed. It was explained that the higher charge was payable because residents are not now charged the printed Israeli pound rates, but the rate in its equivalent to the current dollar exchange rate.

This means that while tourists receive a 15 per cent rebate for paying in dollars, the Israeli pays the equivalent dollar amount in Israeli pounds, plus 25 per cent (15 per cent service charge and 10 per cent municipal tax).

I wonder if this new system of rates for Israelis has the approval of the government authority concerned; and is this the way to encourage Israelis to spend their holidays in Israel? Dallas, Texas. DAVID FREEMAN

SOVIET HORROR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — No Jew should ever forget the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Yet many Jews look on and refuse to believe the horror which is happening right now. Jews in the Soviet Union.

All Jews have the duty to help the Soviet brethren leave the U.S.S.R. We here have worked with the Jews to help get Isaac Goldstein and his wife Elizabeth and brother Grigory out of Tbilisi. Unemployment as scientists for four years since the applied for visas for Israel, the phone was cut off over three years ago and they were told the West would forget them. It is now one year since anyone received letters from them, but we do not forget them, nor shall we forget the other Jews sealed behind the Iron Curtain.

Mrs. LEO LAUFER

'SADAT TRICK'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As your leader of March is rightly points out, Sadat really suspended his 15-year Treaty of Friendship with the Soviet Union in July 1972, a mere 14 months after he had concluded it. His present formal renunciation is nothing but a publicity trick, probably hatched in cooperation with the U.S. State Department, for the purpose of influencing Congress to agree to supply arms to Egypt and also to mislead some of Israel's starry-eyed politicians.

The true lesson for us can only be that the sole reliance we can place in any agreement with Sadat is that he will break it with even greater alacrity than his undertakings to Russia.

JACOB FELTON

The Ministry of Tourism replies: Hotel rates, both for tourists and Israelis, are fixed in dollars and their equivalent in Israeli pounds varies according to the current rate of exchange of the dollar. Moreover, the Government authorizes hotels to add a 25 per cent charge for service and welfare to the bills of Israelis. This charge is not added to the bills of tourists from abroad as an incentive to foreign tourism, in view of the fact that, in slack times, hotels offer Israelis special discount rates as an incentive to local tourism.

Jerusalem. Assistant Spokesman

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POSTSCRIPTS

TOURISTS are human beings like the rest of us and they are sometimes taken ill during their stay here. We hope that those who are unfortunate enough to have their holiday interrupted in this way will have the same positive experience as Mr. J.C. Kaltenbacher, of New Jersey.

He has written to tell us that he was taken ill while in Haifa in mid-February. The staff at the Dan Carmel Hotel called an ambulance and he was taken to the Rothschild Hospital. On the way, the ambulance doctor was most efficient and courteous and in the Emergency Room he was again treated efficiently and courteously.

Since he was charged no fee, Mr. Kaltenbacher has sent a cheque for \$100 to the Rothschild Hospital, to be spent "for books, periodicals, towards a piece of equipment or as part of a research programme."

NEW YORK'S famous Carnegie Hall has effectively banned rock bands on the grounds that they are dangerous to health.

"A rock show has a decibel count

intolerable to the human ear," Executive Director Julius Bloom has said. He consulted a health authorities who ruled that any count over 105 decibels four feet from the stage is dangerous.

Bloom said he had also notified rock groups that they would have to take out special insurance, if they met other criteria, because "rock groups attract wild audiences."

WE REPORTED recently on a Sikh horticulturist in India who plays music to his plants. Now we learn that seven "green-tongued" gardeners met in London a little while ago to contest the title of Britain's champion plant-talker.

Seated at tables in the aptly-chosen Royal Garden Hotel, they murmured endearments to their favourite foliage, coaxing growth under the very eyes of the judges. In the world outside, sterling was plunging and prices mounting higher than ever.

First prize of £100 went to a 63 year old Midlands housewife with a carefully-coached little number known popularly as Bride's Lace.

"Plants are living things," said Mrs. Frances George. "They want to be loved, just like anyone else. I talk to mine all day long and have regular sing-alongs with them." Her Bride's Lace got two cups of tea a week into the bargain. The runner-up was a company director who talks to his ivy like he talks to people.

Research being done in the Soviet Union, the Gemini story added, suggests that plants can become "emotionally involved" and scientists there hope to develop techniques which will lead to better harvests. Which is at least a cheerful topic of conversation when you next have a chat with the flowers in your window-box.

TEMPLE Mishkon Tephilo in the Venice section of Los Angeles, which includes many elderly Jewish residents, has inaugurated a "Dial-a-Rabbi" service.

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